

## FLORIDA

1. Memorandum of Understanding on Education with Spain – The State of Florida, through the Office of Multicultural Student Language Education, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Education of Spain and the Florida Department of Education. This cooperation includes the Florida/Spain Visiting Teacher Program; the Post-to-Post Teacher Exchange Program; Teacher Summer Seminars; the School Exchange Program; and the Language and Culture Assistant Program.
2. Memorandum of Understanding with Latin American Institute of Educational Communication – The Florida Department of Education signed an MOU with the Latin American Institute of Educational Communication, allowing Florida to transmit, reproduce, disseminate and promote EDUSAT distance learning programs from Mexico to all school districts in Florida. With a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, 60 teachers and administrators traveled to Mexico from Florida to receive training on the EDUSAT system.
3. Memorandum of Understanding with France – The Florida Department of Education signed an MOU with the Embassy of France. Activities under this agreement include Internet Communication, visiting teachers, training programs for teachers and administrators, language assistants program, French language accreditation, and Florida/France research projects. As a result of this agreement, a Consultant from the Embassy of France is now working in the Office of Multicultural Student Language Education and 30 Florida teachers have received scholarships to study in summer institutes in France from 2002-2003.
4. Letter of Intent with Mexico – The Secretariat of Public Education (SEP) of Mexico and the Florida Department of Education signed a Letter of Intent to institutionalize permanent ties between the two parties.
5. Intensive Immersion Weekend – The activity benefits German language teachers from throughout the state of Florida. This is the second year for this event.
6. Legislative Action – During the 2002 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature passed a statute, as part of the New Florida School Code, which requires the submission of a K-12 Language Curriculum plan.

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